

**APPROVED**  
**JUNE 20, 2018**

**KITSAP COUNTY PARK ADVISORY BOARD  
MINUTES MAY 16, 2018**

Meeting called to order by Chair Larry Walker at 6:04 PM.

Attendance – Larry Walker, Kathryn Thompson, Ani Gatz, Brian Higgins, Frank Stricklin and Josh Hopp. Excused – Jon Pearson, Joanne Clark and John Grinter

Staff Present – Jim Dunwiddie, Travis Buell, Arno Bergstrom & Leigh Snyder

Members of the Public -11

**Approval of the April 18, 2018 Minutes**

**Motion:** Kathryn Thompson                      **Second:** Josh Hopp  
Discussion as to whether the finance committee and the visitor services subcommittee minutes should be combined. Ani Gatz answered yes as they are interrelated items at this point.  
**Action:** Motion passed.

Public Comment; Frank Stricklin speaking as a citizen thank you to the Parks staff for their help in making the annual “Corey’s Day on the Farm” event successful. First day 1018 special needs students, 399 teachers and 868 parents and siblings. Day two – 1036 special needs students, 413 teachers and 871 parents and siblings.

Linda Berry- Maraist – spoke in behalf of the Kitsap Trails Association in support of the ride park at Port Gamble and the EMBA Group.

Video presentation by Evergreen Mountain Bike Alliance/West Coast Chapter – showed history of how the group came into being. The group answered the following questions from PRAB Members – future ride park location is the NW corner of the Port Gamble block and will consist of 200 acres, both Jim and Travis are meeting with the group monthly to develop a contract, plan, and site plan. The funding is not yet set. The EMBA group has \$50K thus far, the parent organization has committed to design work. The grant secured for the property purchase allows for a three- year time line for phase 1. The organization does not require volunteerism but generally have a good turnout for work parties. They do have a plan for access and parking to the ride park involving an existing road and a new road. There is also a plan for demarcation signage between the park and ride park. The Sound to Olympics will go around the ride park and be clearly marked with signage. Jim Dunwiddie advised that both legal and risk are reviewing the plan along the way. A copy of the agreement used in King County will likely be used as a template with a draft being worked on now. DCD has indicated they plan to be through with the development moratorium process by fall of 2018. Brian Kilpatrick of EMBA has indicated his group has worked hard to control rogue trail-building at Port Gamble which has been a concern of the county. It was suggested that the group implement a means to measure the out of town visitors so that they can tap into the lodging tax funds and also make use of the Public Facilities District who support recreational facilities in the county.

Directors Report (full report attached) Ribbon cutting for the Wildcat Lake picnic shelter is set for Thursday June 21<sup>st</sup> at 10:00 AM, Press Box at Lobe Field #1 is taking shape, proposal requests for a long-term sustainability study for the Fair has been published. A draft agreement has been

sent for review to WSU that would cover all programs to include- equine, 4-H activities and Master Gardeners.

#### Subcommittee Reports –

Finance – 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting – working on the framework and outline of the work plan, will evaluate the current fee structure over the summer with a presentation of results at the November PRAB meeting.

Parks and Property – nothing new to report

Forestry – Arno Bergstrom spoke about the program background and provided information (see full report) on the financial health. Frank Stricklin has been pleased to see that the science works. Josh Hopp asked about future plans - there is currently a 20-30 year backlog of restorative thinning and Jim Dunwiddie indicated that each new location must have a plan with a PRAB review and a BoCC adoption. In answer to a question from Ani Gatz -there is a pesticide policy in the plan but other alternatives are being researched and implemented to assist with the Scotch Broom invasion in particular. Herbicide use is always the last resort option.

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| <p><b>Motion:</b> Frank Stricklin                      <b>Second-</b> Kathryn Thompson<br/>Motion to recommend the removal of the “pilot” designation from this program and adopt as a Parks program.<br/><b>Action:</b> approved by unanimous vote</p> |
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Resolution to remove the “pilot” designation with the PRAB recommendation proposed for the June 11, 2018 meeting of the BoCC.

Visitor Services – compiled a preliminary list of services we currently are not providing. A meeting will be scheduled with Dori and Billie and then a full meeting with the Finance Subcommittee to see what policies and fees need to be addressed/reviewed. These two committees will be working closely.

Communications – Marketing team meeting May 31<sup>st</sup>. Discussion of a 1, 3, and 5 year plan. The great give netted donations of \$1,275 online and \$75 in cash for Parks. The funds will be available by June 15, 2018.

#### Stewardship Reports –

Kingston Parks and Trails – trails plan work continues

North Kitsap Heritage Park – working on the community public presentation/hearing of the master plan update. A date has not yet been set. Kathryn Thompson will find out what questions were asked of visitors on the recent survey. There were 29 responses.

Newberry Hill Heritage Park – 2.5 miles of Scotch Broom mowed and CK students have been hand pulling. More and more visitors to the park.

Banner Forest – recent work party cleared brush and removed a blown down tree from the trail. Installed 10 carsonite signs and 6 were pulled out by the public. They will re-group and seek more community involvement/education at a “sign pounding” work party.

Hansville Greenway – seeking a metal expert for 4<sup>th</sup> graders educational opportunity May 22, 2018.

Old Business – none

New Business – none

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| <p><b>Motion:</b> Ani Gatz<br/>Motion to adjourn<br/><b>Action:</b> Motion passed</p> | <p><b>Second:</b> Brian Higgins</p> |
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Meeting adjourned by Chair Larry Walker at 7:21 PM.